

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

1. (Currently Amended) A condom held and rolled on a ring-~~(3)~~ while ~~the~~ an opening in ~~the~~ a tubular region of the condom is expanded, the ring-~~(3)~~ comprising a rigid ring-~~(4)~~, a lubricant layer-~~(7)~~, and a rotor-~~(5)~~, wherein the rigid ring is sheathed via the lubricant layer with the rotor and the ring-~~(3)~~ is removable after placement of the condom.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~ring-~~(3)~~~~ condom according to claim 1, ~~for use~~ wherein the ring is used in rolling the tubular region of an expandable and shrinkable article thereon.